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1. THE REFUGEE PIPELINE IS CLOGGED AT GUAM, WAKE AND THE THREE RECEPTION CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES. ALL US RECEPTION CENTERS ARE FILLED TO CAPACITY. SEVERAL FACTORS ARE AT WORK: (A) CAPACITIES AT STAGING AREAS AND RECEPTION CENTERS (TOTAL 104,000); (B) SLOW OUTFLOW (16,000 TO DATE) FROM RECEPTION CENTERS WHICH INVOLVES SHORT-TERM PROBLEM OF GETTING SECURITY CHECK SYSTEM OPERATING AND LONG-TERM PROBLEM OF GETTING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES GEARED UP TO MEET SPONSORSHIP PROBLEMS FOR THIS UNPRECEDENTED FLOW; AND (C) FUNDING LIMITATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN SHORT ORDER.

2. CURRENT FLOW IN US SYSTEM MINUS THOSE ALREADY PROCESSED OUT IS ABOUT 105,000 TO WHICH WE NOW HAVE TO ADD ESTIMATED 6,500 IN SINGAPORE FLOTILLA, OF WHICH ABOUT ONE-HALF WILL GO TO GUAM DIRECTLY. THIS BRIEFLY GIVES DIMENSION OF OUR PROBLEM.

3. GIVEN THESE INTERLOCKING FACTORS, IT IS DIFFICULT (IF

NOT IMPOSSIBLE) TO GIVE A FINE-TUNE ESTIMATE TO THE QUESTIONS YOU RAISED IN PARA 11 OF REFTEL. WE WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THE SUBIC BACKLOG COULD BE CLEARED 3-5 DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO AVAILABILITY OF SPACE IN OTHER PACIFIC OR US CENTERS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT GIVE ASSURANCES THAT NEW ARRIVALS FROM SINGAPORE FLOTILLA WILL TRANSIT THROUGH SUBIC IN LESS THAN 72 HOURS, AS YOU REQUESTED. WITH RESPECT TO CAMBODIANS, WE WILL GIVE THIS GROUP FIRST PRIORITY FOR ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO PENDLETON AS ADEQUATE SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE IN THAT CAMP.

4. HOWEVER, YOU MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HOLD SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF REFUGEES AT SUBIC UNTIL SPACE BECOMES AVAILABLE AT GUAM, WAKE AND IN US RECEPTION CENTERS.

5. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION AND CONSIDERATION YOU RAISED
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IN REFTEL ON APPROACHING GOP, WE CONCUR THAT ALL REFUGEES ARRIVING AT SUBIC FROM SINGAPORE WILL GO INTO GUAM PIPELINE.

6. FOR BANGKOK: WE UNDERSTAND FROM ICEM REP HERE THAT EMBASSY WISHES TO MOVE FIRST 200 CAMBODIANS OF SECOND PAROLE GROUP ON MONDAY, MAY 19. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE NEW CAMBODIANS

INTO THE GENERAL REFUGEE FLOW UNTIL NAME LIST PREVIOUSLY
REQUESTED IS TRANSMITTED TO DEPT. AND AUTHORIZATION
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